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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/298,505
Filing Date	April 23, 1999
Examiner Name	Andrew J. Fischer
First Named Inventor	Lynn Holm-Blagg et al.
Group Art Unit	2167
Attorney Docket Number	20375-022100

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	01 FC:1801	750.00 CH
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	02 FC:1202	180.00 CH
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Preliminary Amendment in Response to Final Office Action		

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.138 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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Signature		Date	April 23, 2002

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 920

Complete If Known

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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106 330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-24**	=	Extra Claims	X	Fee from below	=	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	34	=	10	X	\$18	=	\$180
Multiple Dependent	4	=	0	X		=	\$0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

(\$)180

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740.00
169 900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to the above noted Deposit Account.

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

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